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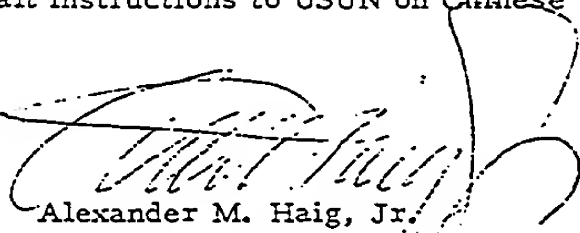
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MEMORANDUM FOR

THEODORE L. ELIOT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Attached is a redraft of the draft instructions to USUN on Chinese participation in the CCD.


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Attachment

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ACTION: USUN NEW YORK

INFO: Amembassy MOSCOW
AmConGen HONG KONG
USMission GENEVA

SUBJECT: Question of PRC Participation in CCD

REF: USUN 3955, 3976, and 4016

1. As reported reftels, the question of possible participation by the PRC in the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament at Geneva (CCD) is already a topic of corridor discussion, and may be dealt with in a resolution, during the current General Assembly. Many UN members, and particularly those that are also members of the CCD, are asking about our views on this issue. We are aware that our allies and the non-aligned in the CCD would welcome, and that/may press for, PRC membership.

2. A study of this and other similar problems is being undertaken, and your participation in the study will be invited. Pending the results of the study, you should proceed in a cautious and low-key manner in dealing with questions and with possible initiatives by others on this matter. We should in no way appear ourselves to be exerting pressure on the PRC to join the CCD. It is important, at the same time, that we manifest a cooperative and flexible attitude and avoid giving the impression that we are determined to preserve the status quo.

3. Accordingly, in response to any questions by other delegations regarding our views, USUN may refer to the statement made by Amb Leonard at the

CCD on June 29 (CGD/PV 517) when he said that "we would welcome the participation of all nuclear-weapons-states in arms control and disarmament efforts in a manner satisfactory to all those states and in a manner reflecting the interests and concerns as well of non-nuclear-states." You may add that we are awaiting an indication of the Chinese attitude toward participation in the CCD, and do not propose to put obstacles in their way, should they wish to participate. On the other hand, we do not propose to take any initiative on this matter until the Chinese have had an opportunity to clarify their attitude.

In responding to discussion, you should also indicate that the US would welcome the participation of France as well. You should not go beyond this position without specific instructions, and should fully report to the Department all relevant developments.

4. Our CCD Rep may also inform Sov CCD Rep of the line we intend to take with others on this question.